

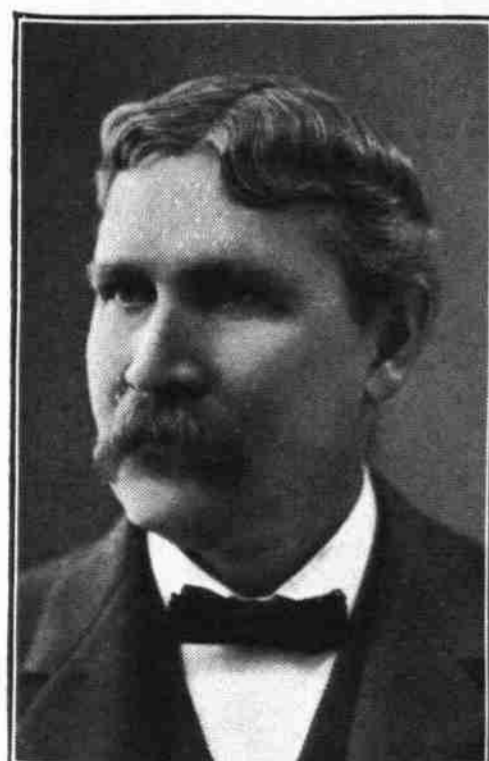
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, CHESTER COUNTY, PENN. FOUNDED 1856

Oldest institution for the higher education of Negro youth in the country. Founded by Rev. John M. Dickey, D.D., Presbyterian, with the thought of sending Negroes as missionaries to Africa. President, Rev. John B. Rendall, D.D. In 1908, students, 197; teachers, 14; theological students, 53. The property includes 132 acres of land, 8 school buildings, and 10 residences for professors. Approximate amount of annual expenses, \$50,000, secured from the Presbyterian churches and other friends.

Lincoln University, Chester County, Pa.

Rev. John B. Rendall, D.D., President

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, located in Chester County, Pa., forty-five miles from Philadelphia, is the oldest institution in the United States for the higher education of the Negro.



J. B. Rendall

In 1849, while James L. Mackey was being ordained at New London, Conn., as a missionary to Africa, Rev. Dr. John Miller Dickey, a Presbyterian leader of Philadelphia, who offered the ordaining prayer, had a vision "of a school of the prophets where missionaries should be trained and where Africa's sons should be educated to carry the gospel to the benighted and needy."

Three years later Dr. Dickey began to teach James R. Amos, who felt

the call to go to Africa. In 1853 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church approved the request of the New Castle, Pa., presbytery for the establishment of a school for the Christian training of youth of the colored race. In 1854 the legislature of Pennsylvania granted a charter to Ashman Institute, named after Jehendi Ashman, "reorganizer and savior of the Colony of Liberia." Ashman Institute entered upon its formal work January 1, 1857, with 4 students, in a small three-story building. In 1866 the title was changed to "Lincoln University," and in 1871 was taken under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and enrolled among its theological seminaries. The collegiate department is not under denominational control.

The property of Lincoln University consists of one hundred and thirty-two acres of land, on which are located ten fine school buildings and ten residences for teachers.

The endowment is about \$500,000 and the annual expenses are \$50,000, secured from endowment, students, the Presbyterian Board of Education, and the church.

It is a College and a Theological Seminary. Its charter provided for the "scientific, classical, and theological education of